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ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association announces that it will be awarding over \$58,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2023-2024 academic year. The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the state of Illinois, full-time at a certified institution of higher learning is acceptable.

Sheriff Chad Johnson, Ford County, will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents
- Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2023-2024 school year (<u>excluding</u> summer session).

Applications are now available at your local Sheriff's office or on the ISA Website https://www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/. Ford County residents may also obtain an application from the Ford County Government Website https://www.fordcounty.illinois.gov.

Students must complete the application, answer the essay question, and return all documentation to the Sheriff's office in their permanent county of residence by **March 15, 2023**. A directory of Sheriffs offices is available on the ISA website at https://www.ilsheriff.org/sheriff-directory/. For more information, please contact your local Sheriff's office, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, high school advising center, or college financial aid office.